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I am writing to express my concerns over the Mobilarm request for waiver as described in WT Docket number 12-6. I am a **NY/NJ Sandy Hook Harbor Pilot** with a **USCG Unlimited Master Mariners License** responsible for safely piloting ships into and out of the very busy Port of New York. Channel 16 on the marine VHF radio is critical to the safe operation of vessels in any busy harbor. Any form of automated calling on this channel has the potential to interfere with safe vessel operations and could result in severe damage and loss of life. Congestion and proper use of channel 16 is a constant priority and struggle. Overuse of this channel was one of the motivations for the development of channel 70 DSC. Adding congestion to this channel is a bad idea and will not serve the public good.

Automated alerting for safety can be accomplished on channel 70 as specified in the current RTCM standards. Approval of this waiver would allow Navy contractors, some of whom operate in New York harbors, to use this product and potentially interfere with port operations. Automated calling on channel 16 should not be allowed under any circumstances in US harbors.

Sincerely yours,

William Blake